

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 12, and ending at page 9, line 22, to read as follows:

-- The endoscopic bipolar cautery scissors instrument which utilizes the blades of the invention is substantially as is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,569,243, issued on October 29, 1996 ~~co-pending application U.S. Ser. No. 08/284,793~~, the complete disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein, and utilizes a push rod assembly with two conductive push rods which are stabilized and insulated relative to each other. The distal ends of the push rods are coupled to the end effectors by the links. The proximal ends of the push rods extend through the handle and lever of the scissors instrument and present electrical cautery pins onto which a standard bipolar cautery plug can be mated. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 11, and ending at page 13, line 9, to read as follows:

-- Turning now to FIGS. 1 through 3a, an endoscopic bipolar scissors instrument 10 includes a proximal handle 12 with a manual lever actuator 14 pivotally coupled to the handle by a pivot pin 15. A hollow stainless steel tube 16 is rotatably coupled to the handle 12 and is preferably rotatable about its longitudinal axis relative to the handle 12 through the use of a ferrule 18 such as described in detail in previously incorporated U.S. Patent No. 5,569,243 ~~co-pending application Ser. No. 08/284,793~~. A push rod assembly 20 extends through the hollow tube 16 and is coupled at its proximal end 22 to the manual lever actuator 14 as described in more detail in U.S. Patent No.

5,569,243 ~~co~~pending application Ser. No. 08/284,793. The distal end of the tube 16 has an integral clevis 24 within which a pair of scissor blades 26, 28 are mounted on an axle screw 30. The distal end 23 of the push rod assembly 20 is coupled to the scissor blades 26, 28 so that reciprocal movement of the push rod assembly 20 relative to the tube 16 opens and closes the scissor blades 26, 28. It will be appreciated that the reciprocal movement of the push rod assembly 20 relative to the tube 16 is effected by movement of the manual lever actuator 14 relative to the handle 12. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 21, line 19, and ending at page 22, line 2, to read as follows:

-- Again, it should be noted that either of the blades 326, 328 of the third embodiment may be utilized with an opposed blade 28, 26, 228, or 226 from FIGS. 5, 6, 8, and 9, or with a conventional blade 128 from FIG. 7 as explained above with reference to FIG. 7. It will also be appreciated that although the blades shown herein are relatively flat, curved scissor blades such as those shown in previously incorporated U.S. Patent No. 5,569,243 ~~the co~~pending application Ser. No. 08/284,793 may be used instead. --